



# US 10 Marshfield – Stevens Point



## **Project background**

US 10 serves central Wisconsin as an important east/west highway connecting the Twin Cities and the Fox Valley. It is an important regional, state, and national link for business, industry, recreation and agriculture. US 10 is on the National Highway System and is an important route in Wisconsin's Corridor 2020 transportation plan.

Providing a safe and efficient highway system is an important part in meeting the needs of continued economic growth for central Wisconsin. US 10 currently is unable to provide the function as described in the Corridors 2020 transportation plan. The existing highway is a two-lane facility routed through five communities, which increases conflict points between local and through traffic. Traffic volumes on US 10 are also expected to increase, which will further reduce the function of this highway.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is expanding 31 miles of US 10 between WIS 13 near Marshfield to Interstate 39 at Stevens Point. The new four-lane highway will bypass the communities of Auburndale, Blenker, Milladore and Junction City. The project will also remove US 10 from downtown Stevens Point west of I-39.

The project represents an estimated \$234 million investment in central Wisconsin's transportation system.

## **Project design**

The US 10 expansion project will provide a highway facility that will safely and efficiently handle increasing traffic volumes.

US 10 will be constructed as a four-lane, 65-mph highway between Marshfield and Stevens Point. Controlled access on US 10 will increase safety and provide improved traffic flow. The highway between WIS 13 and WIS 34 south will have limited access at intersections located at approximately one-mile spacing.

Access to new US 10 between WIS 34 south and I-39 will be restricted to interchanges located at WIS 34 south, WIS 34 north and I-39. An interchange will also be located at WIS 13/Wood County A near Marshfield.

The new I-39 and US 10 west interchange will be designed with free-flow access, which will allow for high-speed ramp movements between the two highways. This interchange will be located near the current Portage County X interchange, which will require the removal of local access to I-39 at this location. Local access will be provided approximately two miles south with the construction of the new Casimir Road interchange.

## **State highway system changes**

Various state highway system changes are proposed in conjunction with the US 10 improvement project. These changes are being done to reorganize the highway system to the proper jurisdiction. Some factors considered in defining these changes include safety, travel efficiency, system continuity, and traffic volumes.

Upon completion of the new roadway, portions of existing US 10 and other state highways are expected to revert to the jurisdiction of local units of government. WisDOT will coordinate the specifics of these jurisdictional transfers with county and local governments. These changes will take affect as each associated US 10 project is completed.

## **Project schedule**

Environmental studies and preliminary design for US 10 began in 1990. All environmental documents for the corridor were complete in January 2007.

Design of each of the construction projects begins approximately three years prior to construction. Final design includes detailed engineering and data gathering needed for the development of construction plans.

Contact with property owners regarding right of way acquisition begins approximately one to two years prior to construction of each project segment.

The construction of the US 10 Marshfield to Stevens Point corridor began in 2006 with completion currently scheduled for 2012.

## **Project contacts**

Additional information about the US 10 project between Marshfield and Stevens Point, including current project schedule maps -- can be found at the WisDOT US 10 Web site: [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/us10](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/us10)

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